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Virginia Items.

In writing news for the TIMES this week.

It will be things we see and hear, and if we get them wrong or mixed friends forgive us for this is '96.

Mr. Nelson and wife of Amsterdam, were in Virginia Thursday of last week making arrangements for his blind niece, Miss Ida Glover, to give a musical entertainment at the Christian church Thursday night.

Henry Febeck and wife visited relatives at Welda, Kansas, last week. Wm. Hardinger, the assessor, was around among our people last week making their sworn statements as to their wealth before free coinage of silver takes effect.

Mrs. Annie Aensley, of Amoret, was in our city Thursday of last week.

Rev. Reed of Worland, staid Friday night with Aaron. He is soliciting money to build a church in his town. Geo. Thompson lost two yearling steers last week.

John Biggs of Hume, visited the families of Ben Biggs and George Thompson last week.

James Crooks lost a large hog Friday; heat supposed to be the cause of his death.

Mrs. Anna Williams of near Trading Post, Kan., and her sister, Miss Lula Schlehan of Mulberry, visited Mrs. D. C. Wolfe, Saturday.

Clifton Jackson, Morton Jenkins, Sherd and Charlie Cope left Tuesday in a wagon for the Territory to look up a location, but did not find anything that suited them. They passed through Pittsburg, Baxter Springs and Galena, Kansas, and the corn was very poor in that section, but it was fine in the Territory.

Miss Mattie Cusick, who has been visiting relatives in Henry county, returned home last week accompanied by her grandpa, who is 74 years old and has scarcely a gray hair on his head.

Mrs. John McElroy is improving; she rides out every day.

Mrs. Icy Jenkins received a letter from her cousin, Geo. Brown, last week stating that his father, Virgil Brown, was very sick. He was one of the first settlers of Bates county; has been living in Christian county about 14 years.

T. J. Wheeler has been on the sick the past few days.

Grandma Craig is visiting among her old friends. She is 74 years old and says she can do more work in a day than either of her daughters. She says she enjoys spending half a day gathering berries for it reminds her of her old Kentucky home.

Miss Sadie Whinnery returned home last week after a pleasant two weeks' visit with friends at Drexel.

Mrs. Sadie Pattison of Amsterdam, visited Mrs. Joe Whinnery a few days last week.

O. M. Drysdale, wife and son, Fred,

visited relatives at Foster Sunday.

W. A. McElroy and wife are visiting relatives at Drexel this week.

Dr. Mitchell has sold his property to Dr. Lamb, of Trading Post, Kan.

Dr. Mitchell will leave about the 15th for Peoria, Ill., where he will reside. J. S. Pierce of Butler, and Mr. Steward of Nevada, adjusting agent for the Continental Ins. Co. came out Saturday to adjust the loss of Washington Park's barn, which burned down some time ago.

Milton Flesher, of Butler, came out Sunday on his bicycle and called on his friends.

John McElroy lost a good work horse last week from heat.

The political sentiment at Virginia is not much changed from last week. Some of the populists that had come out of the republican party still think Bryan a large pill to swallow; there are some people that have trouble in swallowing pills, but finally get them down. Little Freddie Drysdale appears to be the most unstrung at the way things were worked. His mother promised him a populist cap after the convention at St. Louis. He thinks it a poor show for a cap now. His grandpa has promised him a prohibition cap.

John Nance, who is working for W. J. Bard, started to Amoret on the running gears of the wagon, the lines not being long enough he had to sit on the front bolster and the pin came out of the coupling pole and it flew up and hit the horses and let him down behind the horses. He soon stopped them, but one foot was badly hurt.

Dr. Mitchell informs us that Preston Cooper was overcome by heat last week, and it will be some time before he will be able to do much work.

Mrs. N. M. Nestlerode wants to know why she does not get the chair that the largest woman was to have in Butler the 4th.

W. T. McBride and family of Parker, Kan., camped in our city Monday night en route for Eldorado Springs, for the benefit of Mrs. McBride's health. He reports corn in his neighborhood good.

Thos. Catron, going home from Butler last Saturday his team got frightened and threw him out of the wagon, and his head was jammed up and his leg hurt. Part of the wagon was just east of the Miami bridge the other part half mile south of the Steele farm.

The wedding Sabbath evening was a quiet affair.

C. H. Morrison is not only proud over the way the populists are talking in favor of DeArmond but, also over his late Bryan grandson.

Mrs. A. J. Park has one hundred acres of bottom land for sale at one dollar per acre.

Ruff Sellers says it is a Bryan populist.

Grasshoppers in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., July 31.—For the past three days clouds of grasshopper have been passing over Nebraska eastward bound. In some places they are reported to have been so numerous as to have perceptibly arrested the sun's rays. They have crossed the Missouri river in swarms, but show no tendency to settle. They have done no damage to crops in the State, and are believed to have come from Colorado.

Has the Right Ring.

"Resolved, That we are opposed to the constitutional amendment reducing the school age of children from six to five years, believing it to be detrimental to their growth and development, and we ask the press, on that ground, to aid in creating public sentiment opposed to such amendment."

The above resolution was passed by the Bates county Institute. The resolution has the right ring and the Times takes much pleasure in endorsing the action of the teachers. It is to be hoped the voters of this county will cast their ballot against the adoption of the amendment to a man.

DR. JOHN CLARK RIDPATH TELLS WHY HE IS FOR BRYAN

The historian and erstwhile Republican sympathizes with Laborers, but not Lovers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 2.—Dr. John Clark Ridpath, the well known scholar, historian and writer, who was unanimously selected by the Democrats of the Fifth District as their candidate for Congress at their convention in Bazaar July 29, was visited at his home in Greencastle yesterday and asked for an expression upon his nomination and the monetary question. He said: "In regard to my nomination for Congress, I strove in every way I could to avoid that and prevent it. My personal affairs and some public duties that lie ahead seemed to preclude the propriety or possibility of my being a candidate for any office. I never sought office in my life and never expect to do so for the reason that it seems to me clear that the people have the absolute right of initiative in such matters. I have always contended that the people should have the initiative in choosing those who should become their servants in office. The political life is not at all in my profession, though I have a profound interest in the public welfare. I have always sympathized with the people—by which I mean the great masses of our fellow beings engaged in the hard task of making a living. I sympathize with the laborer and do not with the idler.

According to my way of thinking our government has been steadily drifting away from the people and getting into the power of special interests. The circle of government has narrowed and narrowed till it appears to me the highest absurdity to call it any longer a government 'of the people, for the people, and by the people.' I want to see the process completely reversed. I want to see the government restored to the people. I believe precisely what Webster and Theodore Parker and Lincoln declared, viz: That our republic is, or ought to be, a government of the people, for the people and by them.

How can there be any harm in such a doctrine? In the name of common sense, has it come to pass that patriotic citizens in the United States of American cannot advocate the right of the people to govern themselves? Has it come to this that we have sure enough a lot of self constituted master who shall tell us what is good for us and how we shall obtain it? Are we Americans a lot of younglings who are unable to lead ourselves, but must be led rather as with a string and fed on porridge as with a spoon?

Among the methods as it seems to me by which the government is to be recovered by the people is, first of all, as the matter now stands the restoration of our currency. We want our currency system put back precisely where it was under the statute and constitution for the first 81 years of our existence as a nation. Our statutory bimetallic system of currency was taken from us in 1873 by a process which I do not care to characterize in fitting terms. Now we propose to have it back again. The restoration of our silver money to the place it held before is the people's cause, and the people in this contest are going to triumph. They are going to triumph in the open light of day under the clear gleam of light and truth.

SILVER DOLLAR UNIT.

The silver dollar was from of old the unit of money and account in the United States. That dollar to this hour has never been altered by the fraction of a grain in the quantity of pure metal composing it. Every

other coin, whether of gold or silver has been altered time and again, the silver unit never. The silver dollar was the dollar of the law and the contract. It is to this day the dollar of the law and the contract. To the silver unit all the rest, both gold and silver, have been conformed from our first statute of 1792 to that ill starred date when the conspiracy against our old constitutional order first declared itself. The gold eagle of the original statute and that of all subsequent statutes was not made to be ten dollars, but to be of the value of ten dollars. The half eagle was not made to be five dollars but of the value of five dollars. The quarter eagle was of the value of two and one-half dollars and the double eagle was of the value of twenty dollars. Even the gold dollar of 1859, marvelous to relate, was not a dollar, but was made to be of the value of a dollar. The subsidiary coins were all fractions of the dollar was of silver only.

Not a single dictionary or encyclopedia in the English language before the year 1878 ever defined dollar in any term other than silver. In that year the administrators of the estate of Noah Webster, deceased, cut the plates of our standard lexicon and inserted a new definition that had become necessary in order to throw a penumbra of rationality around the international gold conspiracy.

The way to obviate the further disastrous effects of this international gold conspiracy is to stop it. We want the system of bimetalism restored in this country. Bimetalism means the option of the debtor to pay in either of two statutory coins according to his own convenience and according to the contract.

This option freely granted, the commercial parity of the two money metals will be speedily reached, nor can such parity ever be seriously disturbed as long as the unimpeded option of the debtor to pay in the one metal or the other shall be conceded by law and the terms of the contract. The present commercial disparity of the two metals has been produced by the pernicious legislation which began 23 years ago and which has not yet satisfied itself with the monstrous results that have flowed therefrom.

WHAT IS PROPOSED.

What do we propose to accomplish by free coinage? We propose to do just this thing, viz: to break the corner on gold and reduce the exaggerated purchasing power of that metal to its normal standard. Be assured there will be no further talk of a 50 cent dollar when the commercial parity of the two metals shall be reached. Every well informed person must know that the disparity of the two uncoined metals is but the index of the extent to which gold has been bullied in the markets of the world. It is not an index of the extent to which raw silver has declined in its purchasing power in any civilized market place of the whole globe. No man shall say the contrary and speak the truth. This great question is hot upon us. It can be kept back no longer. It is a tremendous economic question that ought to be decided in the court of right, reason and of fact. My judgment is that the American people in spite of all opposition are going to reclaim the right of transacting their business, and in particular of paying their debts according to a standard unit worth a hundred cents to the dollar neither more nor less, and that they will not accept the intolerable programme which declares in fact if not in words that they shall henceforth transact their business and in particular discharge their debts with a cornered gold dollar worth almost two for one."

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STONE TO NOTIFY BRYAN

Missouri's Governor Will Tell the Candidate of His Nomination.

Jefferson City, Mo., August 3.—Governor W. J. Stone of Missouri is a proud man this evening, for he will be the man who will inform William J. Bryan of the fact that he has been nominated by the Democratic party for the office of president of the United States. Senator Stephens White, of California, this afternoon telegraphed Governor Stone that he would not be able to be in New York city upon August 11 to notify Mr. Bryan of his nomination according to the plans of the Democratic national committee, and asking him if he would not act in his stead. Governor Stone at once answered that he would. The notification will take place at Madison Square garden on the evening of August 11, and it will mark the formal opening of the campaign. Governor Stone will leave Jefferson City as soon as the nomination for Governor is made, and it is probable that as soon as Mr. Bryan hears of the change of programme he will invite Governor Stone to accompany Mr. Bland and himself on their trip to New York.

"My speech will not be a long one," said Mr. Stone to a Times correspondent this evening. "I do not expect that what I say will take up much more than half a column in your paper. I shall let Mr. Bryan do the talking, and what he will say will be our creed for the campaign. Bryan will make a great speech. He will show the men of New York what kind of men we have in the west."

Governor Stone is undoubtedly greatly pleased with the honor which has been tendered him. His friends have been saying ever since the Chicago convention that he should have been chosen to put Bland in nomination, and Stone will undoubtedly make a great effort to prove to New York that while Bryan may be preeminently the orator of the West, there are others.

SHIPPING CORN TO MEXICO.

A Big Contract and More Must Follow.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 1.—Reports received here from points in Mexico state that contracts have already been made for over 500 car loads of corn to be shipped from the United States to sections of Mexico where there is a shortage of the grain supply and a famine is threatened. Nearly all of this corn will come from Texas and Kansas. Other heavy contracts will be placed for corn within the next few weeks.

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